

ARABS IN A CIRCUS

Ringling Bros. Will Introduce the Sons of the Desert

IN THEIR GREAT EXHIBITION

"Falls of New York" in the Grand Varieties at Smith's Star Location—Stage Notes.

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Cleveland's Minstrels.

"How much is your gorgeous first part drapery worth?" "Well, replied W. S. Cleveland, the prince of minstrel managers, evasively, yet confidently, "there is stuff in those drapery robes worth a big one."

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Thursday and Saturday matinees will be given.

Star Lecture Course.

Interest in the star concert and lecture course is displayed by everybody, and the subscription list has already reached a large proportion.

Vanderbilt-Smith's. Manager Smith has a galaxy of first-time stars for the coming week. They will also be seen in Lillie Morris' prettily costumed burlesque, "A Scandalous Deed."

CHEERFUL LORD NORTH.

His Good Humor Toward His Antagonists in Parliament—An Irritating Servant.

It is a curious thing that, although Lord North was not a man of genius and suffered from many physical defects, including extreme near-sightedness, he had yet such intellectual gifts, combined with high character and unflinching courage, that he was able to stand firm for years against the efforts of Fox and Burke, of Dunning, and Neville and last, but not least, the younger Pitt, says Temple Bar.

On one occasion, for example, when interposing in a quarrel, he observed that there was often far too much readiness to take offense. "That is not my own case," he added. "This very evening one member who spoke of me described me as 'that thing called a minister.' Well, to be sure," continued Lord North, here patting his ample sides, "I am an unwieldy thing; the honorable member, therefore, when he called me 'a thing,' said what was true, and I could not be angry with him. But when he added, 'that thing called a minister,' he called me that thing which of all things he himself wished most to be, and therefore I took it as a compliment."

So amiable likewise was Lord North in private life that his daughter recorded it as an extraordinary circumstance that there was only one person who ever made him angry. This was one of his servants, a drunken, stupid groom, who was distinguished by the children as "the man that puts raps in a pawson."

As a minister Lord North was conscientious and upright, but in dealing with such a formidable crisis as the American revolt he lacked resolution and firmness. He also too frequently yielded his own deliberate judgment to the persuasion of the king and his friends. His daughter described his weakness as "the want of power to resist the influence of those he loved."

Trouble from an Aberration.

A New York firm has a house in Victoria street, London. Their English representative, who was paying a visit to Paris, wrote a letter to the London branch and addressed it: "Messrs. So-and-so, Via street, London."

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RAGE OF THE SKIRT

Nym Crinkle on the Fatal Feminization of New York.

WHERE WILL IT ALL STOP?

A Nucleus of Girls in a Comet Tail of Tulle Gowns Will Take the City by Storm.

I was very much astonished to hear from a personal friend of W. W. Anor that the reason why that American millionaire started a magazine in London and not in New York was because New York is too voluptuous to start anything but hotels.

I wondered if this was true, and I was referred to Mr. Ballard Smith, who didn't go to London to start a magazine but started it right here, and in starting it got the exact gauge of public taste.

He did not call his periodical the Voluptuary; he called it La Vogue, and he announced that it would represent

with the highest reach of intellectual

the things that are worn.

"Mr. Astor," said my friend, "fled from a country that gives so much of its time to lingerie; that enacts laws about petticoats; that allows a brie a brae to usurp the graver functions of life; that calls skirt dancing art, and that selects actresses for its broue divinites, and Mr. Ballard Smith didn't."

The result will be that Mr. Astor will spend money and Mr. Smith will make money.

In one of our fashionable boarding schools for young ladies, the principal, who inherits some Puritan blood, has interdicted all current literature except "The Iron Age." She says that everything else has gone over to skirts. Even the daily papers have a skirt department of literature, in which men and women artists devote their souls day and night to portraying and describing petticoats, chemises and hosiery.

This stalwart New England principal says that she doesn't know what the effect of all this is upon the men, but she contends that the influence is ruinous upon young girls, and so she tries to correct it by making them read the only paper that at this moment hasn't a booming skirt department. She says that if her young women found out that the whole American public was raving after drapery they would get an utterly fatal idea of the supreme importance of hair cloth and garters and lace.

I don't pretend to know how true this is, but I do pretend to know what the effect of the voluptuous cyclone is upon some of the pite followers who are left. The effect is one of intolerable ennui. They are bored to death with a skirt flutter. They feel that they are lost in a fog of tulle and they take up the "Iron Age" or "Practical Engineer" with the same sense of relief that comes to a man when he rushes from the atmosphere of dead tapers and jumping on a horse takes a stiff western breeze.

Some time ago, well, it is six or seven years—there was a little palled neuragic girl with chronic influenza singing, or trying to sing, through her nose in one of Nat Goodwin's farces at the Bijou. She had some brains, but she had no development of limb. There was a round-faced, almond-eyed and brainless beauty in the same bery named Lillian Grubb, who walked away with all the honors if she but lifted her skirts. This set the girl of the chronic influenza to thinking. She arrived at certain conclusions. She made the discovery that beauty was a matter of environment. That haggard legs became spirituelle if there was tulle enough and it could be kept in motion. That fridescence was not impossible even to influenza if the stockings were



VICTIMS OF THE SKIRT MANIA.

the right color and the lights were arranged properly. That dimity, if there was enough of it, became a delirium.

Her name was Lolo Fuller.

This attenuated spirit concentrated her soul on illusion, which she bought by the yard. When she had accumulated ten yards, the world turned round and looked at her. She made it fifteen, and the papers began to suspect her genius. She increased it to twenty and mankind murmured her name in soft accents. She stamped "excellent" on it with indelible ink and made it twenty-five. Then New York wanted to make a statue of her for the Mall. But Mr. Astor, who she shook the dust of New York from her sandals and went abroad. She patented the last five yards and took Paris by storm.

Then a curious phenomenon took place. She became a nucleus of girls in a comet tail of tulle, but the more completely she was swallowed up in tulle, the more resplendently she was

WONDERFUL CURES

That Have Been Made by the Dr. Darrin Since They Came to Grand Rapids.

Mr. Darrin: I wish to express my thanks to Dr. Darrin through your paper. For twenty years prior to calling on the doctor, I had been afflicted with rheumatism, dizziness and general debility, and many other complicated troubles. Dr. Darrin has given me electric treatment ten days and to my great satisfaction about cured me. Refer to me at 70 South Division street, Grand Rapids.

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We could mention others, but space will not permit.

Drs. Darrin will treat the poor free—except medicines—from 10 to 11 a. m. daily, and those who are able to pay will receive medical treatment at \$5 a month for each disease, or in that proportion as the cases may need; electrical, surgical and special diseases excepted. Consultation free. No cases taken if not curable or impracticable. Office hours, 10 to 12—2 to 5 daily; evenings, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 12. All curable chronic, acute, private and wasting diseases, including stricture, impotency, cancer, tumors, female troubles, irregularities and all malignant diseases treated successfully. Most cases can receive home treatment after a visit to the doctor's office. Office at 22 Jefferson avenue, Grand Rapids. The reduced rates will last till September 1.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT on any bank in Grand Rapids will be accepted, and payment guaranteed by us, in exchange for anything in our line, the owners to retain same until work is complete or account due, on the certificate of the notary.

WEATHERLY & PUTER, New location 97 and 99 Pearl street.

TERRIBLE ITCHING

Used Everything Five Months. In Three Weeks not a Scar or Pimple. Cured by Cuticura.

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